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Transportation Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 2300
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: H.B. No. 5366 (Raised) An Act Concerning Revisions to the Motor Vehicle Statute (TRA)

Committee Members,

I am writing this letter in support of H.B. No. 5366 referenced above

The loss of driving privileges due to impaired vision, can have a devastating lifestyle consequence for an individual. Especially, the loss of independence. Fortunately, with the advancement in technology, in many cases this can be avoided.

Biopic lenses are designed to enable the user to see further forward than with that of their normal vision. The view is adjusted to meet individual needs. The biopic lenses are fit by a professional based on the patient's visual acuity, visual field, and other significant factors.

If an individual can wear eyeglasses to pass a vision test and drive legally, then a visually impaired person should be legally permitted to drive utilizing bioptics. There currently are only 5 states that prohibit the use of bioptics while driving (Iowa, Utah, Washington D.C. and Connecticut).

I hope the Committee members will educate themselves on the advances and use of bioptics. Please consider the lifestyle consequences that the failure to pass the Bill would have on the State of Connecticut residents.

Thank you,
Joan Geragosian